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Hope for refugees in Haliburton

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

A growing number of Haliburton County residents are joining the Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee to support families who are looking for a fresh start.

The official formation of the group is very recent, with the committee's website and Facebook page going online last week. Plans to create the group, however, have been in the works for months, according to its organizers.

David Barker, spokesperson for the Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee, said many members of St. George's Anglican Church have long waited to do something tangible to help people in refugee camps across the world.

In March 2015, the church contacted the Anglican United Refugee Alliance (AURA) to discover how to sponsor refugees. AURA has been in operation for more than 20 years and is dedicated to the sponsorship and support of millions of refugees. A relationship quickly formed between the two, allowing the church to move forward with its plans.

"We're not doing this as the Anglican Church, we're doing this as the community of Haliburton," emphasized Barker. "AURA will grease all the wheels with the government which allows us to go about this very quickly."

Committee member Wendy Bateman said only refugees best suited for small communities will be transported to them.

"A refugee with serious medical needs, for example, won't be relocated to an area with a small hospital," Bateman explained.

In addition to vetting refugees and



Photo by Mark Arike

An honourable puck drop

Walt McKechnie drops the puck at centre ice with Brandt Whitelaw (left), captain of the novice Deep River Knights, and Kyle Radford, captain of the Petawawa Patriots. McKechnie was recognized for his contributions to minor hockey and other youth activities prior to the "A" championship game held this past weekend at the Walt McKechnie Novice Tournament. See page 25 for story.

establishing a place of residency, AURA will soon be providing committee members with training to better prepare them for the caregiving role. Committee member Shirley Barker said these tools will help them in many ways, including how to make refugees, who are often uncomfortable talking about the terrors they fled from, feel welcome.

"Sometimes you will never know what they've been through, you just have to do

what you can to make their lives easier," Shirley said.

Shirley and her husband David have past experience with sponsoring refugees. During the mid-'70s, the two brought in a 16-year-old named Ty Vandang from Vietnam. "It's a very worthwhile experience," she said.

Shirley noted the mainstream media coverage of the millions of refugees fleeing

the country of Syria has created a lot of discussion among people regarding how to handle the situation.

"I think the biggest misconception is that they're different than we are," she said. "The only difference, really, is that they've had to go through some horrible experiences."

Bateman agreed with Shirley.

"People don't realize that they could have

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Three men convicted in Kennedy murder

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Three of the four men charged with the death of local man Ryan Kennedy four years ago have been convicted for their involvement.

After several days of deliberations, the jury delivered their verdict on Nov. 21 at the Durham Region Courthouse in Oshawa. Tin Wai Hong was found guilty of second degree murder and assault causing bodily harm. Mason Gillard-Gatza was found guilty of manslaughter and assault causing bodily harm. Nathaniel Cain was also found guilty of manslaughter and assault causing bodily harm.

The fourth man, Raphael Guerra, was acquitted on all counts.

Each man faced charges of first-degree murder and second-degree murder. They were originally tried Jan. 21, 2014; however, a mistrial was declared on March 13, 2014 and the process put on hold while a new jury was chosen.

Kennedy, a 21-year-old Minden resident, was killed at a residence off South Lake Road on Oct. 19, 2011.

Hong, Gillard-Gatza and Cain are scheduled for sentencing Feb. 29 in Oshawa.



Photo by Mark Arike

Despite the damage to the vehicle, the driver walked away unscathed.

Slippery roads a factor in morning crash

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

A 36-year-old woman from Minden escaped without injuries after losing control of her car on County Road 21 and ending up in a ditch.

According to community services officer Dianna Dauphinee, the woman was travelling eastbound on the morning of Nov. 24 when she went off the road and entered the southbound ditch, directly across from Lakeview Motel in Haliburton. The vehicle came to rest on its roof.

An officer on scene said the woman was transported to hospital as a precautionary measure.

"Road conditions were a factor in the collision," wrote Dauphinee in an email.

No charges were laid against the driver.

Community preparing to accept refugees

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been born into that situation and don't understand how it feels to try and escape from it," she said.

After a series of police checks and training from AURA, objectives the local committee hopes to complete in the coming weeks, members will be able to directly help refugees. The goal is to assist them for the first year upon their arrival with funds raised in the community,

combined with additional funds from the federal government.

Anyone interested in donating money to the sponsorship program can go to www.haliburtonrefugee.wordpress.com or visit the Haliburton Refugee Facebook page for more information.

According to AURA's website, there are 51.2 million people forcibly displaced worldwide.

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Schmale satisfied with refugee plan

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Just one day after posting “The Syrian Refugee Petition” to his website, local MP Jamie Schmale has promised to remove the form due to the Liberal government’s decision to adjust their timeline to bring 25,000 refugees from Syria to Canada.

“We’re going to take it down now because the government basically did what we’re asking,” said Schmale in a phone interview on Nov. 25. “So there is no use of the petition any further.”

The newly-elected MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock said several constituents in the riding expressed concerns about Prime Minister Justin Trudeau’s plan to admit 25,000 Syrian refugees by the end of

this year.

In a press release, Schmale stated “a large number of constituents” approached him after the recent terrorist attacks in Paris with concerns about health and security.

Schmale said the average refugee claim takes 18 month to process. With Trudeau’s plan, “this was squeezed into six weeks.”

On Tuesday, the Liberals announced they would identify all 25,000 refugees by Dec. 31. However, only 10,000 will arrive by the end of December. The remaining 15,000 will be brought in by the end of February.

The same day Schmale released his petition, Kawartha Lakes This Week published a letter to the editor on its website from one woman asking he rescind the formal request.

“I am asking MP Jamie Schmale to rescind his petition for ‘The Government to

reconsider its stance on Refugees’ based on the grounds that it is not a true and/or accurate reflection of all the constituents that he was elected to serve in the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding,” wrote Elizabeth Pancer. “This petition will only help to perpetuate the hate mongering and fear-based propaganda being spread that has no place in Canadian politics.”

Schmale pointed out this wasn’t about whether or not the government should adjust the number of refugees it plans on welcoming and described the petition as “a vehicle for our constituents to express their concerns.”

Schmale looks forward to welcoming those coming to the country over the next few months and said he is committed to offering them support through his constituency office in Lindsay.

EMS director Jones wants staff increase

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

After 11 p.m. in Haliburton County, there are two less ambulances available to residents.

Haliburton County EMS director Craig Jones brought the matter to county council on Nov. 11, adding another layer of coverage would be wise.

Jones suggested an increase of four night staff to be stationed at the Tory Hill EMS base year round. While he admits they are meeting proposed response times, the need is definitely there.

“Our transfers are up,” Jones said in a phone interview. “When an emergency transfer from a hospital to another care hospital happens, the vehicles are out of town for an extended period of time.”

Jones explained after 11 p.m. only two ambulances are left on shift, one in Minden and one in Haliburton. When a crew responds to an emergency requiring a patient transfer to out of town hospitals, it means there is no vehicle available for use within the county.

“If we go down to zero ambulances, the dispatch centre is provincially controlled,” Jones said. “The dispatch centre has the obligation to maintain seamless coverage. They know where all the resources are.”

Jones added ambulances can sometimes be called in from Bancroft, Muskoka or the City of Kawartha Lakes, but noted the significant increase in response time as they would be acting out of their own municipality.

The proposed staff increase would cost over \$370,000 for the year, which is what concerned many of the councillors at county council. Not only would it mean extended coverage in Tory Hill, the proposed changes would also provide additional support in Algonquin Highlands.

The Tory Hill headquarters currently has an ambulance on-call from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., according to Jones. If it was approved to have additional staff work through the night, Algonquin Highlands would also have access to an ambulance until 11 p.m.

Algonquin Highlands deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen filled in for reeve Carol Moffatt at the Nov. 11 meeting and told The Highlander in an email interview she had clear

reservations about the cost.

“From my perspective it is a large increase to the EMS budget at a time when we are facing a number of challenges across the board,” Danielsen said in an email. “I want to ensure that the callout numbers truly justify the cost before approving a permanent addition to our levy.”

County CAO Mike Rutter said the report was intended to be preliminary and to spark discussion.

“This was intended to be a very preliminary report that brought a potential issue to the committee’s attention,” Rutter said. “It really is important to keep in mind that we are meeting response time standards established for our county.”

Dysart et al deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts said councillors were caught off guard by the report, considering Jones had seemed

confident in the service up until now.

“Things are really tight and we all have the responsibility to be looking at our budgets,” said Roberts in a phone interview. “To have one department throw out figures like he did...we wondered ‘do we even need any options?’”

The committee also asked Jones for more response time data, as well as the possibility of what they are calling “up-staffing” when these situations occur by calling in staff, as opposed to having scheduled crews.

“Once [we] see the overall budget,” Rutter said, “[we] will be in a better position to make those difficult decisions they are asked to make every year.”

Jones said he now knows the direction the council is looking for when he does go back with a more detailed report.

Dysart mulls landfill options

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

A year’s worth of information was presented to Dysart council by Public Works director Brian Nicholson, who had accumulated important data regarding the county’s five landfill sites.

Nicholson’s presentation on Nov. 23 highlighted, in detail, factors like vehicle traffic and peak periods of usage during 2014. The report was created to provide council with informed proposals which could potentially reduce costs for the municipality and better suit a community that Nicholson said disposes more than ever before.

“We’re growing, and becoming a more disposable society,” Nicholson explained during his opening statements.

In 2014, the Haliburton landfill saw about 90,000 vehicles drive through its gates and dispose garbage, amounting to 57 per cent of total vehicles entering all of the county’s landfills. Haliburton was by far the most heavily used, followed by West Guilford at 32,000 cars per year. Kennis Lake and West Bay came in at 16,000 and 8,900 cars per year, respectively.

Nicholson proposed several options, each

of which came with its own pros and cons. The first one suggested the municipality leave all the landfills the way they are, which he said might be a cheaper option today, but will result in compliance issues down the road along with increased costs in maintenance.

Expanding existing landfills is not a long-term solution, he said, but it could be cost-effective for the municipality right now.

“We could probably fulfill our obligations for the next 20 years,” Nicholson added, referring to the expansion proposal.

Another idea was to close the landfills at Kennis and West Bay in order to save some money while potentially increasing the risk of people dumping on private property.

Only opening the Kennis and West Bay landfills during peak busy times of the year was also proposed, alongside the retrofitting of each site into transfer stations where garbage would be transported away. Nicholson said this would likely work much better at busier landfill sites, where containers would actually be filled to capacity on a regular basis.

Council praised Nicholson for the extensive report and asked for ongoing analysis of the landfill sites.



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Editorial opinion

It's time for action

As the first snowfall hit the Highlands this week, climate change seems very far from our minds.

But as we all know, climate change is a real threat. For those of us who live in Haliburton County, signs of its effects have already become visible, like hotter summers and stronger storms.

The good news is some people are taking it seriously and are trying to make a difference. Most of us recognize David Suzuki and his accomplishments as a Canadian spokesperson for the environment. The David Suzuki Foundation created a movement – Blue Dot – and it has recently been making its way around the Highlands.

The goal is to amend the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms to include the right to clean air, clean water, safe food, access to nature, the right to know the chemicals in our environment and the right to participate in the decisions affecting it. It requires seven out of 10 provinces to agree on an amendment. This is a grassroots alternative to failing international accords like Kyoto.

The Haliburton Highlands Blue Dot Team and Environment Haliburton have met with county council and are now approaching each municipality.

Highlands East voted unanimously to become the first municipality in the county to endorse Blue Dot. It joins almost 100 municipalities and nearly 90,000 Canadians who have created their own local movements.

Algonquin Highlands council was the second to sign an official declaration, but was a bit more cautious. It felt the sample resolution provided was lengthy and very specific. Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen expressed concern over how council could pass a resolution containing that level of

commitment with no actual water and sewer infrastructure in place other than septic or pump out systems and a sewage lagoon.

Blue Dot will soon visit Minden Hills and Dysart et al. We hope they ask more questions of the draft resolution and to share it with the public.

Blue Dot is making individuals and governments take notice of the urgent need to protect the environment but want a commitment by Dec. 31. To ask towns to make a commitment, with only a month's notice, and without all the facts, isn't realistic.

This is an opportunity for municipalities to do more than just declare a position. They should make formal commitments to working on specific, local challenges while advocating for something the federal government has failed to deliver.

It doesn't stop there. We as individuals must also educate ourselves about what is expected and then actively make change.

To really make a difference, there must be action. Landfills await clean-up; septic tanks will continue to leak without inspections; highway development forces more polluting cars on the road, more often. These are real actions, all under our control, we can take right now.

Real discussion about all of the above needs to be something we take very seriously. If this is to be a grassroots, democratic movement, we all need to get involved.

The Blue Dot is a great start, but that's all it is – a start.



By Jennifer Hughey

A world aware

You will hear it often said we live “in troubling times” and while that can partially be considered true, I would contend the times are no more troubling than they’ve ever been. While the imminent doom of climate change, murder, the alienation of youth and threats from ISIS may make it seem like the world is going to hell in hand-basket, we are no worse off than we’ve ever been. We’re just way more aware of the issues we face today. Attribute that to immediacy of the Internet and to the global nature of the world in which we live. Such is the nature of today’s 24/7 connected world.

To put it bluntly, we can no longer use the excuse “we didn’t know.” We’re well aware of everything that goes on around the globe, instantaneously, and this can create a real moral quandary. Where it used to be a “simple” world of us vs. them and good guys vs. bad, truthfully we’re a world full of us’s, good guys and bad. While the old model used to create automatic empathy towards anyone with the same skin colour, background or passport, today’s lines are irrevocably blurred which is why our daily lives seem so frazzled and off-kilter so much of the time. If ignorance is bliss and information is power, then too much information can be powerfully depressing.

If, like most of us, you live in the connected world, you feel this every day. You’re bombarded by images and stories which can either strengthen your faith in humanity or make you feel like crawling into the fetal position and await the imminent apocalyptic boom. Cuts of cat videos share the same space as disturbing images of human atrocities. You never far removed from one or the other.

Thing is, things aren’t nearly as dire as you might think. Think about things that happen in the world today that depress you and I will wager you would/could have been just as depressed any time prior in history if the Internet had been around to report on these equally-troubling tragedies, injustices or inequalities. Again, you no longer have the luxury of not knowing.

You now know what a terrorist looks like, you now know why you can purchase a \$3

T-shirt and you now know people can do some pretty nice things for each other when times are tough or help is needed. No longer is the feel good story the last thing you see on the newscast or the lead

story something socially-insignificant about a shallow Hollywood personality. You now have the power to see – and not see – what you want but, regardless of what you choose, you no longer have the excuse of ignorance to hide behind. And, in case this is evident by now, this is a really good thing. If the connected world has taught us anything it’s that we’re really not that different after all. Sure we might not share the same ethnic background but humanity as a whole is not that different. We all dream, love, hate and hope and those lines cannot be determined by a single line in the sand or a language and a culture different from our own. Good and bad have no nationality whether you want to believe it or not.

You’ve probably heard it said many times that the anonymity of the internet brings out the worst in us, and in fact that is true. But it also brings out the best in us. In fact, the Internet, like any other form of communication in history, is merely a reflection of society and not so much a product of it. There is no more evil in the world today because of the Internet, it just has an avenue to grow stronger, quicker. The challenge we now face is how to properly use the tool to counteract whatever we feel is wrong with people and with the world, whether that’s terrorism, injustice or way too many cat videos. In no other time in history has the individual had the ability and the technology to elicit immediate change. It puts us to the test. How do we react to things changing our world? Do we even react? No longer can you hide your head and say, “I didn’t know,” and nether can that person on the other end of the line. And that’s a good thing.



By Charlie Teljeur

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Correction

In “Algonquin Highlands finds new planner” (The Highlander issue 212, page 7), former Algonquin Highlands planner Kim Horrigan’s name was misspelt in the second reference. *The Highlander* regrets the error.

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Editorial opinion

WeeWisdom

We should help

When someone says, “Help! I’m in trouble,” would you say yes?

Syrian families need our help. Their lives have been ripped apart by the civil war going on in their country. It gets more and more gruesome each day. There are kids who have no parents and parents with no more children. Can you imagine if that was you and your family? You would need food, water, a house, beds, school and most important, love. That is what they need, help. If that was us, we would want help. We would need help. We would be sad and scared and would hope that someone would care enough to reach out and give it.

Did you know of the 12 million refugees fleeing Syria since 2011, half of them are children? They need our help. A lot of these kids are orphans. They are living amongst war, not much food, dirty water and they probably feel unwanted. These children are working in sometimes dangerous situations to help earn money for their family. Girls are being forced into marriage as young as 13 in order to help save them from the cruel things people may want them to do. Some haven’t been in school for years, either because their school has been blown up or because they had to leave their country. And then there are the awful diseases they can get from poor sanitation and lack of food. Kids should never feel unwanted or live in these situations. They should always feel loved.

Imagine you live in a small house in Syria. Your father has gone off to fight in the war, your mom is comforting your baby brother and your big sister is cleaning up. You are six years old and you now have to leave your

home. It’s now been almost two months since you left your small village and your feet hurt from walking. You haven’t seen your mom or brother for weeks. You are sad, scared and alone and you just found out your dad has been killed. At six, you should be wondering if you can go outside and play or ride your new bike. Not worrying whether you may never see your mom or little brother again. You should not be sleeping on the streets in some odd land. You should have real food, not scraps from a dumpster. You should be happy. You should have a mom and a dad. You should have love.

And I think we can help. We are a great country full of kindness. We should extend that love and kindness to the people who need it most. With only \$5 from every person in Haliburton County, we would be able to raise \$85,000! That would be enough for four families to come here and get started. Now what if each Canadian over the age of 10 gave \$5 each? That would be over \$150 million dollars. We could sponsor over 6,800 families. With each family averaging four people, that is over 27,000 people! We would reach our goal and more. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his cabinet have done the math, now it is our turn to start helping.

Anabelle Craig is a 12-year-old writer for The Buzz, a new publication produced by local youth.



By Anabelle Craig

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Photo by Guenter Horst

A woodpecker prepares its home before the first snowfall.

It’s still fall

What is it with you people? I know Christmas is an exciting time of year but decorations, trees and lights in mid-November, come on! It’s not even winter yet.

It was Sunday Nov. 15, and I know this because I was driving back from the hunt camp at the end of the deer season, when I saw my first sparkly-bright decorated Christmas tree outside of a house in Haliburton village. Frankly, I was appalled. I mean, can’t a fellow enjoy Fall for a while before the ominous spectre of gift giving season falls upon him and he’s forced to admit once again that he has no idea what he’ll buy for his lovely wife, or how he’ll afford even a small part of the vast array of presents that his son has requested from Santa Claus.

These burdens weigh heavily upon my shoulders, you know. Where once in my former life living in Londinium, my sweetheart’s desires were easily pleased with a frantic, oft panicked, dash around the myriad stores in the heart of the city. Now, in quaint little Haliburton County, I am

faced with a somewhat limited gift choice. That is, until the day I convince my lovely wife to take up hunting or fishing.

Back in my days as an English city boy I could find anything, from a diamond encrusted egg timer to a necklace carved from the teeth of Indonesian forest chickens, if not in one department store then certainly in the specialist boutique just around the corner. Now, what with Bernsteins streamlining and cutting back on forest chicken teeth jewelry, I’m limited to cushions with pictures of moose on them or another pair of ski socks... my poor wife! And then there’s Little Z. Between Santa and us, his parents, I hope he thinks he does OK on the present front but even so, there are only so many child-sized fishing rods a man can buy his son. The upside is I can use them for ice fishing, so he’ll be getting them for a year or two yet.

Damn it! You see, it’s happened. I’m worrying about Christmas already, and it’s the fault of the crazy folks among you who see the silencing of the gun fire at the end of deer season as a signal to go mad and get

ready for Christmas.

When I was a child my mum wouldn’t allow us to decorate our home for the festive season until one week before Christmas day. Our friends’ houses were almost all festooned with lights and tinsel, baubles and garlands but ours was bare, save for the Christmas cards that arrived steadily throughout December, and which my mum dutifully hung in a row on the living room wall, from fishing line pulled taut between two drawing pins. The growing number of these cards, plus the multiplying number of open windows on our advent calendar were our countdown to Christmas but also to the magical day when we could put up the decorations.

On that day my dad would arrive home in the afternoon with the Christmas tree (my mum insisted on a real one) and the house would be filled with the smell of pine. Mum would bake mince pies and we’d all pull, push and squabble happily about which decoration went where on the tree. Finally, when all the baubles, tinsel and garlands had been hung, we’d switch off the living

room light and turn on the tree lights. Pure magic. Christmas had finally arrived in the Jones’ household and the arrival of Santa was only a week away.

This is a tradition that I am trying to continue in my own home; a family tradition that I cherish and one that I know Little Z will come to love in time. However, with the explosion of premature Christmas tree illuminations that has already begun in Haliburton and Minden I am struggling to keep excitement levels contained and am having difficulty politely ignoring the barrage of, ‘why can’t we put up our tree?’ questions that are being fired my way on an hourly basis.

So, thanks crazy Christmas tree people! I hope you are enjoying ruining my fall, yes fall! Just wait till I’m wandering around Haliburton in my Speedos in March. I hope that will well and truly trash your spring!



By Will Jones

TheOutsider

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: *What do you think about sponsorship of Syrian refugees in Haliburton County?*



Chris Smith

Uxbridge

I'm actually involved in bringing a Syrian refugee to our little town with my family, so I'm all for it.



Clara Tomkinson

Minden

I think that's great. They need all the help they can get.



Lyne Dennis

Minden

Anything you'd be able to do to support a small family that's very scared, and help them come to a new life.



Norman Thomas

Minden

I think it's a great idea. Everyone seems to want to do something to help. It's nice something is being done locally.



Scott Hamilton

Minden

You hear it on the news all the time but you don't think about them coming here. All the power to them.

Photos and interviews by Sue Tiffin

A rock concert outside of Haliburton? No thanks.

Dear editor,

How WONDERFUL! Or is it really? What are the drawbacks? Will these people spend money in Haliburton? The answer to this question is NO! The only ones looking to make money are the promoters and anyone selling liquor. The people who go to rock concerts have one thing on their minds and it's to party.

And what about your neighbours, friends and even relatives who live close to this? How does it affect them? Do we even care? After all, they are just whining because it's in their backyard. Food for thought. Would you want it in your backyard? Highway 118 is our lifeline to shopping, hospital care and even work. Our livelihood is farming so how do we get farm equipment through?

In the summer, we have to deal with tourist traffic and cottagers all in a hurry to get to where they are going, now add in excess of 20,000 to 30,000 people on that highway coming to a festival and where trapped. Oh but they are going to put in entrances off the Irish Line. We are a dead end road. How are line-ups down our narrow road and highway going to help in an emergency? Ambulances, fire trucks, and even police won't be able to

get through.

Then there is the matter of our wetlands. In order to put a road over to Lakeside, they will have to fill in the marsh, which I might add has rare turtles in it. They frequently cross the Irish Line going to and fro from wetlands on both sides of our road.

Add to the mix, a risk for fires. With it being black fly and mosquito season, do you really think they won't build fires when camping in the bush? What about the careless lit cigarette thrown onto dry

pine needles? It wouldn't be the first time cigarettes have caused fires.

Then there is trash that is left behind, the pictures are all over the Internet. How much of this is going to end up in our beautiful lake right across the street? Not only will it end up not only in our landfills, but also in our backyard.

Even our basic rights to live a safe and happy life will be removed as we will have to deal with air pollution from so many vehicles, noise pollution, parties going all night and light pollution. More

drunk drivers on the highways, and more vandalism. Who is going to speak for us in council? One councillor backed out due to conflict of interest. Is the potential for loss of life, environmental damage, species loss and serious health effects worth all this? Does the almighty dollar rule? NOT IN MY BACKYARD!

Angie Steckle
Haliburton

Are Smart cars really that smart?

Dear editor,

When I visit my husband at St. Mike's and the Toronto Rehab Institute I am so grateful that he is still with us. I am also angry that car manufacturers do not install front air bags that will deploy in an accident such as my husband had. His head injuries might not have been so severe.

My husband had a deer come through the windshield of our car on Oct. 17th. The car crossed highway 35, went into the ditch and ran along the rock face near Henderson Road. He was quickly airlifted to St. Mike's

in Toronto. His body was protected by the side air bags, his head was not as lucky.

I was shocked to learn that bumper sensors only release front air bags when hit with a large degree of force. But 200-400 pounds of animal hitting your hood or going through your windshield just doesn't count.

Throughout Canada and the U.S., hundreds of accidents and deaths are caused each year due to animals leaping onto a vehicle.

So why can auto manufacturers not put sensors in the windshield or hood of their vehicles? If these were activated when the car was running, they just might save some

lives and some serious bodily injury.

Cars that are advanced enough to park themselves should be able to protect their passengers from a very real and unavoidable danger.

Sincerely,
Gail Simon
Minden, Ontario

P.S. Insurance companies should be demanding better from auto makers – they are the people who pay out huge sums for personal injuries but I guess it is easier to just pass that bill on to us.





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Highlander news

Land Trust wins achievement award

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's turtle road mortality project has earned the organization an award from the Ontario Land Trust Alliance (OLTA).

Land Trust volunteer Sheila Ziman and project biologist Paul Heaven accepted the Land Trust Achievement Award at the alliance's annual banquet on Oct. 22.

"We were thrilled," said Dianne Mathes, acting chair of the Land Trust. "The turtle project has had a lot of excitement and had a lot of people involved in it."

According to a press release, the award "recognizes land trusts for outstanding achievements in fulfilling their mission from a conservation or a community outreach perspective. It focuses on achievements that have directly advanced the conservation of habitat and species on-the-ground."

OLTA representative April Weppeler presented the award to Ziman and Heaven.

"They [the Land Trust] have continued to go above and beyond in their work—they not only acquire land to protect the Haliburton natural landscape, but also encourage broad community engagement and understanding," said Weppeler.

She described the turtle project as "an excellent demonstration of their commitment to community engagement and stewardship."

The Land Trust received funding from the Ministry of Natural Resources to undertake the study, which has one more year to go. The aim of the project is to test a unique mitigation design for keeping turtles off the road while they travel from hibernation sites into feeding, mating and nesting sites.

Since it began, more than 180 volunteers have contributed 4,500 hours of their time to the study. Many of those volunteers have monitored turtle activity at three sites in May and June.

"As we said it's an award for the Land Trust but it's an award for this community as well," said Mathes.

The OLTA is a registered charity that supports land trusts throughout the province.



Photo submitted by

April Weppeler, past president of the Ontario Land Trust Alliance, left, presents the Land Trust Achievement Award to Sheila Ziman and Paul Heaven.

The Land Trust also announced its board of directors has grown by two to nine members. New additions include Joan Duhaime and Mary-Lou Gerstl.

"It's very exciting," said Mathes.

Duhaime is a retired teacher who has lived in the Highlands for the past 28 years. She is an active member of the Land Trust as a property monitor at the Dahl Forest. Mathes said Duhaime is already involved in the Discovery Days program.

"It's great to have her on-board," she said.

Gerstl retired from the financial sector seven years ago and has been active member of the Land Trust for the past three years.

"She has had a bit of peripheral involvement with the Land Trust, but got really excited this year about the gala."

A press release states she has "significant prior board and governance experience."

Mathes will remain on the board until the next annual general meeting in May. Previous chair Cindy Sedore tendered her resignation in September, citing personal reasons.

Former executive director Pat Kennedy also resigned from his position on the same day as Sedore.

Mathes wasn't able to confirm how long she will remain acting chair.

"I think we'll have some announcements... about structural stuff and staffing probably in the next month or so."

There is space for up to 11 members on the board. Anyone interesting in getting involved should call 705-457-3700 or email admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

New energy task force collecting talent, knowledge

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

Knowledge is power and renewable power is the future.

That's why the Township of Minden Hills is in the midst of creating a Renewable Energy Task Force which will help councillors make informed decisions when it comes to energy-related proposals.

Various projects, including the hydroelectric generating station in Haliburton County which was proposed to the township in August, have been turned down during the past year. Minden Hills councillor Pam Sayne said many people in the community are strong supporters of renewable energy projects, but don't always know where to begin formulating a strong plan of action.

"One of the issues with all of those proposals coming to council was that we were bombarded by them without any background

information on where the province was going with it and how," Sayne explained. "We want to know what business framework would we have, and how will it impact people in our community."

In September 2015, the township approved a request to proceed with the recruitment for members for a new Renewable Energy Task Force. Sayne said there has been a lot of interest and council is currently processing interested applicants.

She noted a trip to the 2015 Quality Urban Energy Systems of Tomorrow (QUEST) Conference in Toronto earlier this month helped her better understand the energy industry and allowed her to key in on issues unique to rural areas like Minden Hills.

The conference was attended by 275 participants, which included members from all three levels of government, corporations and small business owners.

In an email to *The Highlander*, MH planner Ian Clendening said applicants range from a variety of backgrounds.

"It was the intent that the Task Force would be made up of a broad array of interested individuals which would assist in developing a vision for a renewable energy policy in the Township of Minden Hills for Council's consideration," he wrote.

Brian Nash, owner of Haliburton Solar and Wind and founding member of the Haliburton Renewable Energy Cooperative said the task force is a positive step in the right direction.

"Technology in this industry is growing rapidly," Nash said, while praising council for trying to ensure proper decisions are made regarding energy proposals. "Communities that don't get in on it get left behind."

He noted Ontario's grid system, which he described as an "analog phone" due to its age, and explained its transition to a Smart system

will be revolutionary and far more secure.

When it comes to proposals involving wind and solar farms, however, facilities that require occupy a large area, he said there are factors that are often overlooked. Organizations like the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), which oversees the electricity wholesale market, don't necessarily consider recreation and social equity, areas of land that provide communities with many uses, like hunting, according to Nash.

"The IESO's stipulations tend to be grid capacity, so where are you going to build this renewable energy facility? Setbacks and blinds to ensure the array is not visually intrusive are considered as well," he said.

In addition to fully realizing the county's renewable power generation possibilities, Sayne the ultimate goal is to make proactive decisions surrounding energy, as opposed to reactive ones.

Highlander news



Jumpstart provides fun for families

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

A group of kids at Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES) finish eating and gather around a table to learn how to make a craft. They chat with each other and show off their work before one girl turns around, looks for her nearby parent and says, "Mom, I'm having fun. Come over here."

The kids are part of the ASES Jumpstart Hub, a free weekly program sponsored by Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents and the Canadian Tire Jumpstart program to benefit families with activities and resources.

Each Thursday, the program offers a meal, crafts and gym activities to any family with kids at ASES.

"On occasion we also bring in guests who will offer instruction on karate or yoga," said Point in Time family support staff and Jumpstart Hub program instructor Amanda Tripp. "It allows families to have a fun night out with a free meal and resources."

But those involved said it offers even more than that.

Deb Fisher has been attending the program for years with her grandkids Nevaeh and Dominic.

"This is one of the best programs out there," she said. "It helps people in so many ways."

Over the years, Fisher and her grandkids have made jewelry and facial scrubs and enjoyed a break from cooking with a free dinner. Community grocery stores regularly donate food to the families for anyone who might want to take home bread or baked goods.

Fisher said the program is beneficial for kids, but also for parents and grandparents. She remembers one night when a pair of older grandparents stopped by with their kids and were thankful for the help offered to them from other parents.

"I know that feeling and I know that look - the 'I'm tired' look," said Fisher. She said the social interaction between the parents while the kids play is invaluable.

"It takes a community to raise your kids and it's so much easier with programs like this," she said.

The Jumpstart Hub happens every Tuesday night from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at JDH school and every Thursday night at ASES from 6 to 8 p.m. until May. The program is free and open to all parents with kids enrolled at ASES or JDHES. To register, contact Amanda through Point in Time at 705-457-5345.

Foundation launches 19th annual donation campaign

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) is fundraising for new equipment for the emergency departments at the Haliburton and Minden hospitals.

The goal of the 19th Annual *Believe in the Magic of Giving* Campaign is to collect \$93,000 in donations.

"We're trying to fundraise for what is needed the most," said Dale Walker, executive director of the HHHSF. "Right now, the emergency equipment is."

Necessary high priority equipment includes an IV/fluid blood warmer, transport ventilator and a telepack patient monitoring system.

"All of these items have the potential to help save a life," said Dr. Greg Karaguesian in a press release.

At the start of November, more than

18,000 donation cards were distributed within Haliburton County and beyond. Each person who donates to the campaign will have the opportunity to have their name put on a tag that will decorate one of the Christmas trees in the main lobbies of the hospital facilities.

Since its first year, the campaign has surpassed a net amount of \$1.1 million.

Walker pointed out the campaign receives support from many individuals and organizations.

"Donors, our volunteers, all sorts of businesses, organizations and corporations support it," she said.

Founded in 1997, the HHHSF is a registered charity which raises funds for the hospitals, long-term care and health care facilities in the county.

For more information or to donate to the campaign, call 705-457-1580 (Haliburton) or 705-286-1580 (Minden). You can also visit hhhs.ca/foundation.

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Highlander news

Scouts Canada on the hunt for leaders

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

Scouts Canada is looking to return to Haliburton again after 10 years.

Area support manager Amy Patterson told *The Highlander* Haliburton used to have very strong Scouting presence, but since the registered leader left in 2004 the program hasn't been active in the community.

"It's a perfect community to have Scouts in," Patterson said. "In small towns, it's nice to have a variety of things to do. You want to keep [kids] active and keep them busy so they don't feel secluded."

Scouts Canada is looking to start up the younger two sections and is looking for leaders to come forward and volunteer so they can do so. Beaver Scouts are for kids between five to seven years old and Cub Scouts are for kids between eight to 10 years old. It would require three leaders to come forward from the community to get a group started.

Patterson handed out fliers to local businesses recently and through that, established a connection with Chris Varga, area manager for the Minden and Haliburton Algonquin Outfitters. Varga is extremely supportive of the initiative and wishes he could do more.

"On a whole, Algonquin Outfitters wants to definitely support it as much as we can," said Varga. "I wish I had a million dollars so I afford to help with all the wonderful things they are doing."

Scouts Canada does provide funding for start-ups. The program is all youth driven and youth led, so the leaders are there to assist in building the program and encourage all ages to take part.

Mitch Hawkins is area commissioner for the Trillium Highlands division of Scouts Canada. He started as the youth area commissioner, someone who must be under the age of 26, and was for two years until he was promoted two weeks ago.

Hawkins will be looking to reach out to the group when it starts up in Haliburton



Photo submitted by Scouts Canada

Scouts Canada hopes to have programs in place by the new year.

and make sure they are on track with their programming. He is based out of Lindsay but will be commuting to the Highlands to maintain the group.

"I want to help them build, through assistance and training," said Hawkins in a phone interview. "It's my job to help out and make sure they can give the best program that they can." Hawkins was in Scouts himself for nearly 13 years and his parents were both actively involved, so he has a personal connection to the group as well.

Hawkins feels positive the program will be able to get rolling in the new month or so, as he says they have been approached by a few former rovers with offerings of assistance.

"A rover is someone from the oldest youth group, age 18-26," he said. "They were members of the club in the past, saw the need and have reached out saying they would like to help."

Patterson would like to have the first three leaders in place by the New Year, saying she would personally come to

Haliburton to train them and call upon a mentor Scouter in the area for support in the first three meetings.

"I am grateful for all the community support that I have found in the town," Patterson said. "It's really the perfect place for Scouts."

If you are interested in becoming a Scout leader or more details on the program, contact Amy Patterson at amy.patterson@scouts.ca or by phone at 705-768-6956.

Geocaching committee reveals three-year plan

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Over the past year, Highlands East has earned its reputation as the "Geocaching Capital of Canada."

Now, members of the geocaching committee are working on expanding its offerings to attract even more visitors to the area.

The committee's three-year plan includes maintaining the GeoTour at its present size, creating a new component known as GeoArt, expanding the GeoTour from 100-150 caches for Canada's 150th anniversary in 2017 and creating a new caching canoe route on the Irondale River in 2018.

Geocaching is an activity in which people look for hidden treasures using a GPS device. To date, 100 caches (a

small container holding a logbook and assorted trinkets) have been placed in the municipality.

Committee member Joanne Vanier told Highlands East council Nov. 23 about the expansion plans and requested financial support for their future endeavours. She also noted the need for the creation of an information centre, as geocachers currently go to Agnew's General Store for information.

"It's unfair to put this responsibility on the employees of Agnew's store," said Vanier.

"This job should be handled by municipal employees."

She added the information centre would promote other local assets and businesses.

Vanier noted she and Mary Barker are willing to continue volunteering their time,

but would like to be reimbursed for travel expenses and the materials needed to create the caches.

"Since the creation of the GeoTour, I personally have logged over 900 kilometres doing maintenance," she said.

A chart presented to council indicates an information centre would cost about \$15,000. With volunteer time, the net cost of the GeoArt project is expected to cost \$1,700. Maintaining the GeoTour is pegged at almost \$7,800 while its expansion will cost \$1,500.

Councillors expressed their support of the development plan and the effort that has gone into current initiatives.

"The geocaching committee is providing something really important to Highlands East to bring tourists to the area," said deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge, who

recommended discussing a financial contribution at budget time.

Reeve Dave Burton agreed, but asked if there was anything the municipality could do in the meantime to support them.

The municipality's CAO and treasurer, Shannon Hunter, said the budget should be addressed early in 2016. Since the geocaching committee doesn't have a base budget – the committee was formed after the budget was set), she suggested the possibility of drawing upon unused funds from the other five advisory committees.

After hearing how much each committee had left for the year, council voted in favour of directing \$400 from each for a total of \$2,000 to the geocaching committee.

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AH on board for Blue Dot

By Jennifer Hughey

Editor

Algonquin Highlands Council became the second municipality in Haliburton County to endorse the Blue Dot Movement.

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Blue Dot team and Environment Haliburton! Heather Ross and Carolyn Coburn gave the presentation Nov. 19.

After officially endorsing the movement by signing a declaration at the meeting, Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen informed the EH representatives AH township has also created a new Environmental and Stewardship Committee, stating they are now looking to have representation on the committee from Environment Haliburton!

Over 95 municipalities, including the Municipality of Highlands East, the District of Muskoka and the City of Kawartha Lakes, have signed resolutions in support. Blue Dot reps plan to visit Dysart et al and Minden Hills council next month.

For more information, phone 705-488-2632 or email Heather Ross at heatherross@sympatico.ca.

Agreement reached for board and teachers

By Jennifer Hughey

Editor

A tentative agreement has been reached between the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB), the Trillium Lakelands Elementary Teachers Local (TLETL) and the Trillium Lakelands Elementary Occasional Teachers Local (TLEOTL).

The agreement was announced Nov. 19 and covers all full-time and occasional elementary teachers in TLDSB. Under the School Boards' Collective Bargaining Act, local conditions have to be considered when negotiating at a local level.

"Our elementary teachers and occasional teachers are key contributors to the success of our schools and school board and have a profound and long-lasting impact on student

achievement and well-being," said TLDSB chairperson Louise Clodd in a press release.

"We are very pleased with this outcome and offer congratulations to both sides who have worked collaboratively to come to a local agreement."

A central agreement was reached Nov. 13 by the government and the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario and both TLETL, TLEOTL and TLDSB are planning for ratification of the agreement over the next few weeks.

Minden man charged with DUI

By Jennifer Hughey

Editor

A Minden Hills man was charged with driving under the influence on Nov. 16.

Haliburton Highlands OPP conducted a routine RIDE check at approximately 8 p.m. in Minden when they were approached by a white truck. A strong smell of alcohol prompted the officers to conduct an intoxalyzer test which failed.

Minden resident Kristopher Windover, 39, was arrested and charged with driving with more than 80 mgs of alcohol in the blood, per Section 253(1) (b) of the Criminal Code of Canada.

Windover is set to appear in court on Jan. 6, 2016 in Minden.

Dysart et al council budgets for pedestrian crossing

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

The west side of the Highland Street, Cedar Avenue and York Street intersection is getting a new crosswalk.

Council made the decision to budget for the new crosswalk on Nov. 23 after Tranplan Associates carried out a traffic study in July 2015, which was followed by an additional traffic study at the Highland Street intersection on Sept. 15.

Public Works director Brian Nicholson presented council with the results, which indicated that the placement of a courtesy pedestrian crossing at the intersection, combined with additional signage and

County in brief

pavement markings in the park area will prove beneficial.

The Parks and Recreation Department and the Roads will work together to budget for the installations.

A resolution was passed to place the items in the 2016 budget.

Dysart et al approves public arts policy

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

After recommendations made by the Cultural Resources Committee at the Oct. 26 Dysart et al council meeting, councillors decided to approve the proposed Public Art Policy on Nov. 23.

According to the policy's outline, the Public Art Policy will "provide council, committees of council, staff and the community with a clear, consistent framework for decision making for the management and acquisition of public art."

Councillor Derek Knowles had some concerns with the policy, and said it will add "a whole other level of bureaucracy," to the decision-making process involving the collection of public art.

Hwy 35 land sale finalized

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

Minden Hills was expected to acquire more land as of Nov. 25.

County councillors discussed the sale of county owned land at 12410 Hwy 35 at a council meeting that morning.

"Everything's in order," said county treasurer Laura Janke, who said the sale "should be a done deal by the end of the day."

The surplus land at the current EMS base and former Walker's Auto Repair property cost the township almost \$364,000.

A report from county CAO Mike Rutter said, "all funds from this sale will be transferred to the county reserves previously used to finance the EMS base construction."

"We would have liked to do this at an earlier date, but better late than never," said Minden Hills reeve Brent Devolin.

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If you have any questions please contact Colin McKnight at cmcknight@mindenhills.ca, by calling 705-286-1260 Ext. 210 or at our office at #7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

Coin McKnight,
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Highlander life



Photo by Mark Arike

Local business owners listen as Sean Brady, director of business development for the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), talks about energy savings programs.

Hydro costs growing burden for businesses

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Local business owners are being forced to make some difficult decisions due to the rising costs of electricity.

And on Nov. 17, they found out they're not the only ones.

"It's continually the number one issue we hear back from our membership," said Karl Baldauf, vice president of policy and government relations for the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC).

"The electricity prices are very high."

Baldauf was part of an electricity roundtable held at the Pinestone Resort in Haliburton. About 30 local businesses owners attended the event, which was hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) and chambers from Bancroft, Coboconk and Norland.

Baldauf pointed out the OCC has made electricity pricing a major area of focus over the past year. In July, the organization released a report titled Empowering Ontario to bring the issue to the attention of the provincial government.

"I'm glad to see that even several months after there's a lot of interest in talking about the issue. Hopefully some of that discussion will lead to real solutions," he said.

The report states since the provincial government released its long-term energy plan in 2013, industrial electricity rates have risen by 16 per cent and will increase another 13 per cent in the next five years.

The OCC, which is an independent, non-partisan organization represents about 135 chambers across the province. They recently surveyed business owners in Ontario and learned 38 per cent believe their bottom line will shrink, while 3.9 per cent expect to close

their doors within five years.

"It's a small number, but it's far bigger than it should be," said Baldauf, referring to the amount of businesses that plan to shut down.

The OCC would like to see some hard facts when it comes to electricity rates in order to better gauge the severity of the situation.

"The province doesn't publish information ... that allows us to do an apples to apples comparison."

The Association of Major Power Consumers in Ontario (AMPCO) suggests Ontario is falling behind other provinces. Their information, although contested by the government, shows that Class A (users of more than three megawatts per hour) and Class B (between 50 kilowatts and three megawatts per hour) industrial consumers pay \$109.26 and \$90.21 per megawatt hour, respectively. Other provinces in their chart pay anywhere between \$38.04 (Manitoba) and \$89.40 (Alberta).

In addition to their request for more transparency, the OCC has made two other recommendations to the provincial government: keep the debt retirement charge on residential bills until it has been paid off and incentivize voluntary consolidation of local distribution companies.

Sean Brady, director of business development conservation and corporate relations for the IESO, made business owners aware of the fact they can find savings through a host of IESO programs. He explained that the IESO, on behalf of the province, has been working closely with local distributions companies and Class A customers to build "a comprehensive supply of conservation."

"We can do conservation efforts at about four cents a kilowatt hour compared to some of the supply costs that you've seen," said Brady. "It's a very economically viable

resource for us, as well as good things to do to support your own businesses."

Brady admitted prices have gone up over the years. He explained the commodity price is determined by global adjustment—"the cost to have the generation supply available"—and the hourly energy price is the cost to supply that energy.

He said the IESO is working on a number of pilot projects to help electricity users save money. For example, they have partnered with Niagara Peninsula Energy to convert air conditioning and heating units in motels to packaged terminal heat pumps.

"There's a substantial energy savings opportunity," he said.

Brady pointed out the IESO's target is to conserve 8.7 terawatt hours between now and the year 2020.

Business owners around the table touched on how hydro rates are affecting their operation.

Sally Moore, owner of Sunny Rock Bed and Breakfast and spokesperson for 12 local B&Bs, said that anywhere from 10-40 per cent of their revenue goes to hydro.

"It's huge," said Moore.

Robert Klapow, co-owner of Hilary's Trim'n Floor in Wilberforce, wanted to know why his hydro costs have soared by 60 per cent "and we're not doing anything different."

"That's a big increase and that's a hard thing to swallow. It's hard to push all [those] extra costs on to my customers," he said, adding his bill went from \$1,400 to \$2,200 in one month.

Vince Childs, owner of Bancroft Dollar Plus, said the cost of electricity is taking a major bite out of his profits.

"It's coming to the point do I need to start laying off some staff or cutting back hours, so it's going to affect them," said Childs.

He pointed out his electricity bill has gone up 77 per cent in the past five years.

His father-in-law, David McGarry, owns

both the Stedman's and M&M Meat Shops stores in Bancroft.

"At M&M Meats, hydro has become our number one cost in the store because it all runs on freezers," said McGarry, who expressed his desire to cut back on energy costs.

"It's making everything a little tight."

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin told the panel the province is a victim of a decade of bad government policy.

"You're coming to give us some micro-solutions that I'm happy to hear ... but I have the throttle on my temper here," said Devolin, who asked Baldauf to "clearly communicate" with the government "the damage they're doing to us."

Going forward, Baldauf said the OCC would continue to do their best to advocate for businesses.

"It means a lot to us for you to share your stories," he said.

Rosemarie Jung, executive director of the local chamber, pointed out that Haliburton County is being hit harder than some other parts of the province for a couple of reasons.

"In our community it's even bigger in that a lot of our buildings are very, very old. In saying that, we're looking at poor insulation. We don't have natural gas, so are reliant on electricity—and oil and wood," said Jung.

"What's happening is our costs are astronomical, and electricity is what we're relying on."

Jung reminded Baldauf that this area doesn't have the same large businesses that more developed cities do.

"Corporate solutions aren't working for us because we are a very small business community," she said.

To learn more about the advocacy work of the OCC, visit occ.ca.

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Sensitive Santa

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

Instead of being bombarded by bright lights and loud holiday music, some kids in Haliburton County will have the chance to meet Santa Claus in a less busy environment.

The second annual Sensitive Santa event will offer a toned down meet and greet with the Christmas figure in Haliburton on Nov. 28.

"[It's] an opportunity for families with children who may struggle with large spaces, crowds, loud music, bright lights or waiting in line," said Cynthia Hutchinson, early interventionist at Point in Time.

For some kids who have sensory issues, meeting Santa can be an overwhelming experience. The Sensitive Santa event provides a safe, calm space where they can interact with Santa Claus by private appointment.

"Every child should have an opportunity to meet Santa," said Hutchinson. "It's a very relaxed environment. It's nice to see a stress-free day for families."

Kids will have the opportunity to play or read books in a decorated area and engage with Santa Claus at their own pace. Hutchinson said some kids at the event might be eight or nine but attending a Santa event for the first time because a typical experience is frightening or over-stimulating.

"This could be a child's first time visiting Santa because the whole process might be stressful for both parents and child, so they've never made it to the knee," she said.

The Haliburton Lions Club will provide books as a gift for the children from Santa and Haliburton United Church has donated space to the event. Point in Time can help arrange transportation or fees for transportation to those in need. Sensitive Santa is sponsored by Autism Ontario and according to their Facebook page, similar events have sold out throughout the province.

Sensitive Santa will be at Haliburton United Church on Nov. 28 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

To register for a spot or for more information contact Point in Time at 705-457-5345.



File photo

Even at the best of times, meeting with Santa can be quite overwhelming for kids and parents.



By Sue Tiffin

Make It Merry, Minden

Busy elves have created a festive atmosphere in downtown Minden. The elves, as some decorators called themselves, hung tree branches, lights, wreaths and ribbons along Bobcaygeon Road during the week of Nov. 16. "We thought we would create Merry Minden," said co-organizer Mary McCrae. "We wanted to make it look really nice for the holiday season." Decorations were organized by volunteers Sinclair Russell, Lois Rigney and McCrae with the help of township staff and a group of about 20 volunteers. The Kin Club, local businesses and residents helped finance the effort. The group hopes the decorations will stay fresh throughout much of the winter season.

Pictured above left: Volunteers decorated the town with lights, pine branches and wooden skiis. Above right: Volunteer co-organizers Mary McCrae, left, and Sinclair Russell dressed in red to add festive cheer to the street.

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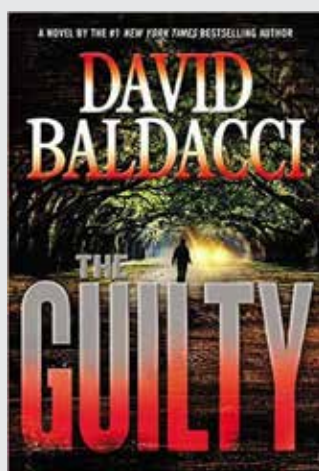
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2. *The Pharaoh's Secret* by Clive Cussler
3. *The Lake House* by Kate Morton



HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. *At Home: Sarah style* by Sarah Richardson
2. *Year of Yes* by Shonda Rhimes
3. *But Enough About Me: a memoir* by Burt Reynolds

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1. *Username: Evie* by Joe Sugg (YA graphic novel)
2. *Lego Star Wars: Free the Galaxy* by Himani Khatreja (picture book)

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Photos submitted by Cheryl Smith Photography

Mike Hamilton spins steel wool in Head Lake Park to create a magical effect.

Sparks fly for evening photo-op

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

A photo shoot lit up the night sky unlike anything else this past weekend.

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Camera Club gathered in Head Lake Park in Haliburton on the evening of Nov. 22 to capture photos of steel wool being spun in the air. Club member Cheryl Smith

said the sparks were created by spreading apart the steel wool to allow oxygen in and stuffing it in to a whisk, which was then attached to a string.

"We had about a dozen photographers take part in the event," wrote Smith in an email. "It is amazing to see how each photographer interprets the same subject while shooting together!"

The club meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 7-10 p.m., alternating between Minden and Haliburton. More than 50 photographers, ranging from hobbyists to professionals, are part of the club.

For more information visit highlandscameraclub.ca or call Smith at 705-455-2500.

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Cardiff author supports sister with bestseller

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

When then six-year-old Veronica Beynon wrote a book about her little sister as a Christmas present, she didn't expect it to be the gift that kept on giving.

But three years later, Cardiff resident Veronica is still using the book to help audiences of students and educators learn more about Vanessa and how autism is just one part of her awesome life.

"This one girl asked me if there is a cure for autism, but people with autism are amazing just the way they are," said Veronica.

Vanessa was three when she was diagnosed with late onset autism. She developed typically up until 18 months when she became withdrawn, lost speech and started "stimming", or having self-stimulatory behaviour.

"When your child's born, you have an idea of what your future will hold, and expectations," said Vanessa and Veronica's mom, Cheryl. "Siblings do, too. Then when someone in your family is diagnosed with something, you kind of go through a grieving process, or a loss for what might have been."

Cheryl said Veronica was affected by the diagnosis because she knew children at school with autism who had difficulty socially.

"We started talking about how it wasn't a bad thing, and about all of the good things about her sister," said Cheryl. "We talked about how others were reacting to her and how we could help them see all the good things, too. It turned into a wonderful, beautiful book about her sister."

Veronica dictated the 20-page story to her mom, who typed it on a computer for her. They then contacted a self-publishing company, Friesen Press, to arrange for an illustrator to create the pictures and have them bind it. When the publishing company saw the manuscript, they asked the Beynons if they would be interested in publishing the story on a greater scale.

The picture book, *My Sister Has Autism and That's Okay*, has sold almost a thousand copies and is still on the Friesen Press bestsellers' list. Veronica has become a public speaker, presenting about her book and the

ideas of inclusion and acceptance to area schools. Her latest speaking engagement was at a conference of more than 200 educators.

"I wasn't scared," she said. "I'm used to it. I'll never turn down a presentation, because I love telling people how autism is different but great in a way."

The conference resulted in book signings for the Grade 4 Wilberforce Elementary School student.

Cheryl Smith, early interventionist at Point in Time, attended the conference and said Veronica's presentation was a highlight.

"[Veronica] left a room full of educators in overwhelming tears of happiness," said Smith. "Her presentation was absolutely magical. She is indeed a very special young lady who has so much love and acceptance to share within our community."

Veronica said she's working on a second book to the series about her sister, one in which she discusses Vanessa's experiences at school.

"I'm working on it, but it's harder than I thought," said Veronica.

Vanessa is thriving as a Grade 1 student at Cardiff Elementary School. She has regained much speech, converses with people again and has started to read.

"Veronica has a lot to do with this," said Cheryl. "She never interacted

with her differently or played with her differently because of the autism. She kept playing with her and loving her and we credit her a lot with the progress Vanessa has made."

Cheryl said there are times when the family encounters people who don't understand some of Vanessa's behaviours.

"People don't understand," she said. "If she's having a rough day, they see it as she's just a bratty kid — they don't know what's happening otherwise. It's important for Veronica to get the word out there so people see her sister for who she is."

Veronica is modest about her own early successes, but instead continues sharing her message of support for her sister.

"There's one thing I'd like to say," said Veronica. "Never underestimate the power of people with autism."

My Sister Has Autism and That's Okay can be purchased online at FriesenPress.com or at Indigo and Amazon.



Photo submitted by Cheryl Beynon

Cardiff author Veronica Beynon wrote a book about her sister, Vanessa, to help others understand what it's like to live with autism.

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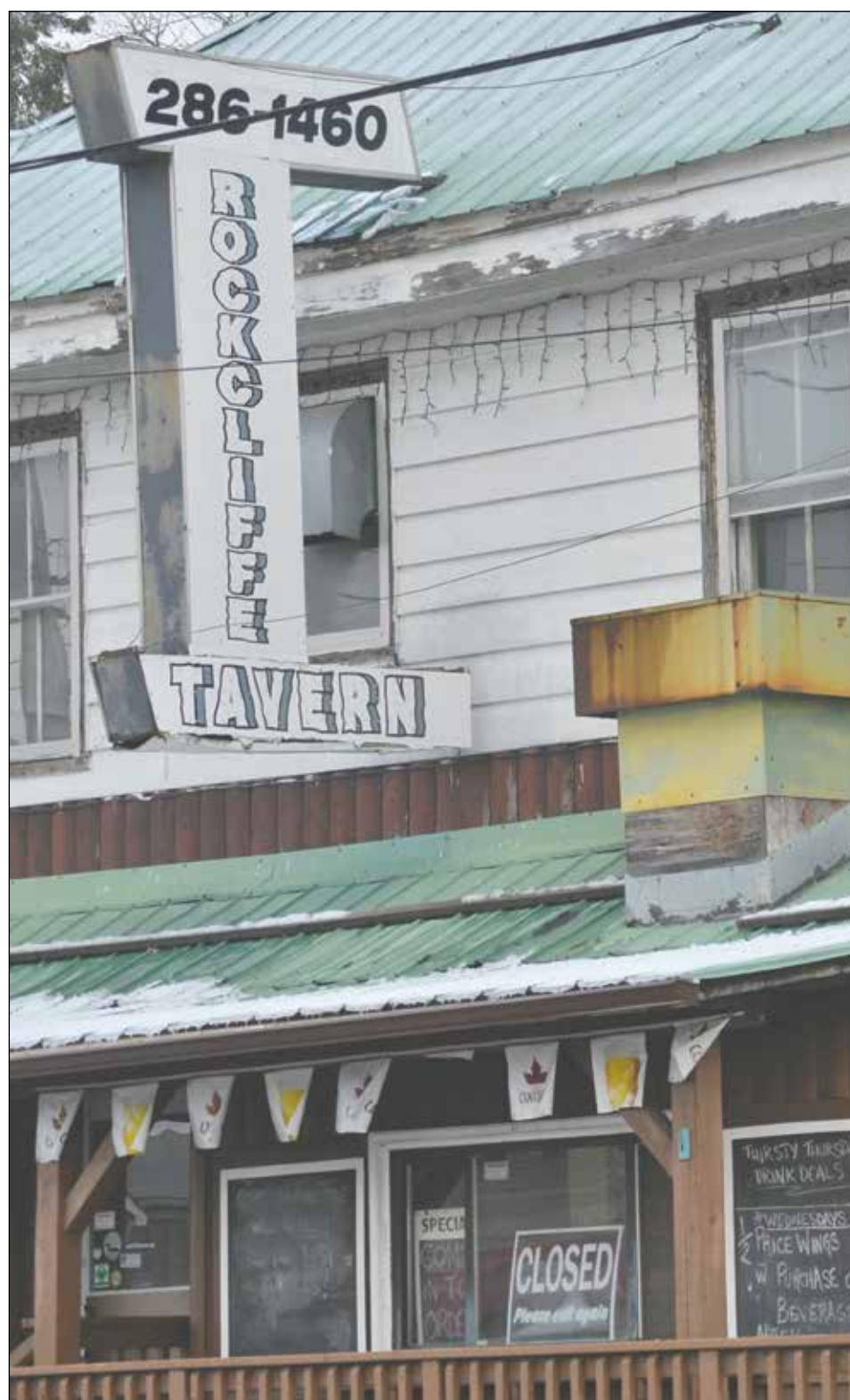


Photo by Sue Tiffin

The World Famous Rockcliffe Tavern is closing in December and is for sale.

Rockcliffe takes a winter break

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

The World Famous Rockcliffe Tavern is closing for a few weeks this winter, but according to manager Sean Hooey, it's a temporary break.

"All we're really doing is closing up for three weeks in December," he said. "We'll be back the second week of January."

Hooey dismissed speculation about the closure as "broken telephone" and said there is currently no set date for the break. He, along with staff, is basing the schedule of the break on weather. According to Hooey, the bar will reopen in time for the rush of people in town for snowmobiling and the ice racing event held in Minden in January.

The bar on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden has been listed for sale since July, but Hooey said he and his dad Mike, who owns the bar,

plan to take it off the market at the end of December.

"We aren't that serious about selling," said Hooey. "We're just kicking the tires a bit and checking out the market."

The Hooeys bought the bar in 2010 from previous owner, Dave Willis. Hooey said there hasn't been any trouble with the business, but he and his dad always intended to have a five-year plan in which they assessed the venture from time to time. He lives in a separate suite in the building and initially purchased it as an investment. The building is his first home, he said, with the business attached to pay the mortgage.

The Rockcliffe Hotel and Tavern was established in 1890. At press time it was listed for \$519,000 with Century 21 Granite Realty Group, Ltd. Realtor Tom Ecclestone declined to comment because of client confidentiality.

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Highlander business



Photo by Sue Tiffin

Digging has started in the lot next to Dollo's Foodland on Hwy 35.

Hwy 35 site likely home for Beer Store

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Change is coming to the Minden Hills landscape.

Construction has begun in the lot adjacent to Dollo's Foodland on Hwy. 35 in Minden for what is intended to be the new location of The Beer Store.

Sheldon Clement, general manager of retail operations for The Beer Store, said a 5,000 square foot store will replace the existing store on Water Street. The new store will be a modern open-concept version of The Beer Store with self-serve operation.

"The old store doesn't provide the whole offering we have," said Clement. "The new store will be much brighter and more engaging."

According to Clement, a mobile trailer has been used at the site to test the Hwy 35 location and determine if The Beer Store would succeed there.

"In this particular case, it certainly did," he said.

The location is awaiting site plan approval from the township, but Minden Hills reeve Brent Devolin said conversations about development along that stretch have taken place for many years now.

He said the building is currently an "abomination" as a beer store due to several issues, including accessibility compliance, size and choice limitations.

"It's an embarrassment to me," he said.

Devolin recognized residents might be concerned about moving a business from the downtown area to the highway but said he was positive about growth in both areas.

"I think we can do good things on the highway and downtown," said Devolin. "I think it means we need some vision and planning of what we're going to do there."

Devolin noted that if the development was compliant with environmental laws and building regulations, the township had no legal position to deny it.

A building and land use permit was issued by the Ministry of Transportation for site preparation, and a review of a revised stormwater management report is underway, according to Carole Paiement, communications service coordinator for the MTO.

Clement said the existing store on Water Street would be operational until the day the new store opened. Staff would transfer to the new store, which he said had a more convenient location being next to a grocery store.

Depending on construction schedules, Clement said the new beer store could be open between late spring and early fall of 2016.

Jamie Dollo, owner of the Minden Foodland and the property being developed declined to comment.

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Highland Storm



Photo submitted by Jason Glecoff

The PeeWee A Storm hockey team is the new regional Silver Stick champion.

PeeWee As regional Silver Stick Champions

Submitted by Trevor Maddock

Over the weekend, the Joanne Sharpley's Source for Sports PeeWee A team competed in the annual Regional Silver Stick Tournament in Pembroke Ont., where they skated away as Champions.

To open the tournament, the Storm faced an Alexandrian Glens team that allowed five goals in the third period. The next matchup saw the storm play Nepean. The game had lots of flow with the Storm battling hard. Nepean came out strong early, directing everything at the net, but the Storm goalie

stood tall and handled the pressure well. The storm moved on with a 5-2 victory.

In game three of the tourney, the Storm faced the Smith Falls Bears. The Storm spent most of the first period of the game in the Bear's zone peppering the goalie and reaping havoc on their defence. Outshooting their opponents 28-17, the storm secured the victory, a 4-1 win.

In the quarterfinals, the South Grenville Rangers were pitted against the Storm and struck first with an early goal after an unforced turnover. The Storm stayed composed and struck back twice to take the

lead. The Rangers were content in throwing everything at the net, but still lost despite a high shoot total.

In the semifinals, the Storm were slated to meet the very strong, well coached and defending champion Kanata Blazers. True to their reputation, the blazers came out with instant pressure, executing their game plan effectively. Despite outshooting the Storm 28-5 for the game, the Blazers could not take the lead, due to the Storm's tough defence. Tensions were high entering the three-on-three overtime period, but the Storm scored an absolutely gorgeous goal to earn the right to

play in the finals.

The Metcalfe Jets and Highland Storm were scheduled in the finals. The Jets came out flying and put numerous scoring chances on net to no avail. The Storm scored on its second shot on net in the last minute of the period. The two teams traded goals in the second period and entered the third with the Storm up by one. The Jets showed just why they were there with two late third period goals to ramp up the excitement, which had everyone in the stands on the edge of their seats. The buzzer went off and the Storm were crowned Regional Silver Stick champions.

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Highland Storm



McKechnie awarded for supporting youth

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Walt McKechnie's generosity within the local hockey community was recognized during a special presentation on Nov. 22 at A.J. LaRue Arena.

Fittingly, the former NHLer and current Dysart councillor was given a plaque just prior to the start of the "A" championship game at the Walt McKechnie Novice Tournament.

"He did charity golf tournaments for over 20 years," said tournament convener Wade MacInnes. "He gave all the proceeds to figure skating, minor hockey,

boy scouts and girl guides."

MacInnes added McKechnie was never one to seek recognition for his contributions.

On behalf of the municipality, McKechnie took a moment to thank everyone who attended the weekend tournament.

"The community really appreciates you coming to Haliburton and we hope to see you again sometime," he said.

McKechnie then walked out to centre ice for a ceremonial puck drop with the team captains of the Petawawa Patriots and Deep River Knights.



Photo by Cindy Nesbitt

Players skate hard for a shut-out over the Ennismore Eagles.

PeeWee Jets win 8-0

Submitted by Cindy Nesbitt

The Leveque Brothers/Rock Breaker PeeWee Girls travelled to Lakefield Nov. 21 to take on the Ennismore Eagles. With this being their only game of the weekend, the girls came out strong from the first face-off.

The first period opened up the scoring with beautiful passes from Beth Brownlee and Olivia Villamere to get the puck to Emma Tidey. Another goal in the first from Hannah McMann assisted by Brownlee got the Jets momentum rolling.

With fierce determination and continuous pressure in the second period, Emma Neuman got back to back goals assisted by Chloe Billings, Jaylin Frost, and Ava Smith. McMann and Charity Trotter assisted Frost and she was able to get yet another past the

Eagles goalie.

Neuman then rounded out her first career hat trick when Billings and Brownlee set her up in front of the net. Elyse Ives slid the final goal of the second period in with the assist going to Tidey.

The Jets came out in the third period with strong defensive and offensive plays. Brownlee finished up the scoring, assists going to McMann and Tidey.

With a final score of 8-0, the girls played a confident game displaying patience and wise choices when it came to passing or skating the puck.

The PeeWee Jets will be back in Haliburton on Nov. 28 at 8 p.m. taking on the Peterborough Ice Kats, and again on Nov. 29 at 5 p.m. against the Ennismore Eagles.



TheHighlander 3-Stars of Last Week

1



Joe Boice
PeeWee A

Weekly Game Summary

Joe earns the distinction as our first repeat 3-star recipient based on his performance this weekend, recording an unbelievable 14 points over two games. It started on Friday night as the Storm faced off against the South Muskoka Bears. Joe showed off his playmaking ability, recording five assists, along with a goal in a 9-0 win. Joe's torrent pace didn't slow down on Sunday, as he was in pure sniper mode, notching an astounding six goals and three helpers in a 13-0 win against the Muskoka Rock.

Stats	G	A	GP
	7	7	2

2



Dylan Keefer
PeeWee A

Weekly Game Summary

On a team that has the uncanny ability to score at will, it would be understandable for some players to have an off game, in anticipation of teammates picking up their slack. That certainly isn't the case with Dylan, who has been an absolute beast the entire season. This weekend wasn't an exception, as Dylan racked up 10 points in 2 games over a weekend culminating with a score differential of 22-0 in favour of our Storm.

Stats	G	A	GP
	5	5	2

3



Jayce Mills
Tyke

Weekly Game Summary

The Tyke Storm hit the road this weekend for a couple games against The South Muskoka Bears and The Centre Hastings Grizzlies respectively. The weekend saw our Tyke's come away victorious with a 4-1 win against the Bears, and 5-1 against the Grizzlies. Jayce lit the lamp on four different occasions over the weekend, recording a hat trick against the Grizzlies.

Stats	G	GP
	4	2

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Here are the 3-Stars from the week of Nov. 19, 2015.

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Stats G A GP
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Alex Little PeeWee A

Weekly Game Summary

Over the weekend the Highland Storm PeeWee A team traveled to Pembroke for the annual Silver Stick tournament. Being an international competition, the Storm were in tough against highly skilled opponents. Captain Alex Little was instrumental in helping lead his team to arguably the most dominant performance for the Highland Storm in the annual tourney. With 14 points over a 6 game span, Alex was one of four Storm players to finish in the top 10 scorers, resulting in a clean sweep and tournament championship.

2



Stats G A GP
 3 3 3

Nigel Smith Bantam A

Weekly Game Summary

Last Friday the Bantam A Storm played host to the Muskoka Rock at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena. Nigel led the team with four points in a game that the Storm controlled from start to finish winning 7-0. The Storm went on to play a double header over the weekend against the Parry Sound Shamrocks, where Nigel picked up another two goals, leading his team to victory in both games.

3



Stats G A GP
 2 2 4

Kadin Card Novice A

Weekly Game Summary

The Highland Storm Novice A hosted the Walt Mckechnie Fall Classic over the weekend. A tough one-goal loss to the Lindsay Muskies in the first game didn't deter the Storm, as they hit their stride in the second game winning by a decisive score of 7-1 against the Centre Hastings Grizzlies. Kadin was a point-a-game player this tournament, picking up 2 goals and 2 assists, and coming away with the C Championship.

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- #4 - Highland Storm
- #5 - Napanee Stars

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Toews Pool

- #1 - Highland Storm
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- #3 - Tweed Hawks
- #4 - Stirling Blues

Stamkos Pool

- #5 - South Muskoka Bears
- #6 - Durham Crusaders
- #7 - Temiskaming Puck Hounds
- #8 - Napanee Stars

SATURDAY SCHEDULE NOV. 28

ATOM DIVISION IN HALIBURTON - A.J. LaRue

Community Centre

- Home VS Visitor
- 9 am - #1 vs #2
- 10am - #3 vs #4
- 11am - TimBit Break
- Noon - #5 vs #1
- 1 pm - #2 vs #3
- 2 pm - TimBit Break
- 3 pm - #4 vs #5
- 4 pm - #1 vs #3
- 5 pm - TimBit Break
- 6 pm - #5 vs #2

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

NOV. 28

PEEWEE DIVISION IN MINDEN - S.G. Nesbitt

Memorial Arena

- Home VS Visitor
- 8 am - #1 vs #2
- 9 am - #3 vs #4
- 10am - #5 vs #6
- 11am - #7 vs #8
- noon - #4 vs #1
- 1 pm - #2 vs #3
- 2 pm - #8 vs #5
- 3 pm - #6 vs #7
- 4 pm - #1 vs #3
- 5 pm - #2 vs #4
- 6 pm - #5 vs #7
- 7 pm - #6 vs #8

SUNDAY SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 29 / 2015 ATOM & PEEWEE IN HALIBURTON

Home VS Visitor

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- 9 am - Atom Round Robin - #3 vs #5
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Highland Storm



Storm reports

Doubleheader for PeeWee AEs

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

The Walker's Heating and Haliburton Highlands Health Team Highland Storm PeeWee AE travelled on Nov. 21 to Humphery for a doubleheader against the Muskoka Rock A team.

The Storm started fast with a few scoring chances but were denied by some nice saves from the Muskoka goalie. Storm goaltender Nathan Miscio took up the challenge and only on a Rock power play was Miscio beaten to make it 1-0 after the first for the Rock.

The second period saw some smart defensive play by Cody Martin and Tim Turner but the Storm ran into some penalties that would cost them against the strong Rock power play. At the end of the second, the Storm found themselves down by five.

Bella Smolen made some nice saves in the third and Brendan Coumbs found the back of the net on a wrist shot to break the Rock shutout. The Rock would take the opening game 6-1. Player of the game was goalie Bella Smolen.

The Storm wouldn't let the results of game one rest on their shoulders for very long. The team came out flying and had an amazing number of chances spending much of the first period in the Muskoka zone buzzing for the opening goal. Nathan Miscio made some sharp saves when called upon to continue the goalie battle from game one. The game would remain scoreless throughout the first period.

Things got a little rough in the second as both teams would begin to send a steady parade of players to the penalty box. The Rock would take full advantage of their power play opportunities and turn three quick unanswered goals into a solid 9-0 Muskoka win. Player of the game was goalie Nathan Miscio.

Looking ahead, the team worked hard in practice as they prepare for the Silver Stick Tournament starting this Saturday at the SG Nesbitt Arena in Minden.

Novice win C final at Walt McKecknie tourney

Submitted by Amber Card

On Nov. 21-22, the Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm hosted the Walt McKecknie Tournament at the A.J LaRue Arena.

Game one was against the Lindsay Muskies. It was a slow start for the Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm. The Lindsay Muskies scored

the first goal and the Storm answered back with a goal from Graeme Armstrong. The Muskies started the second period with an early goal and again the Storm came back with a goal by Cheyenne Degeer. The Storm got the first goal in the third by Mak Prentice however the Muskies scored two more making it a 4-3 final. It was a hard loss for the Storm.

The second game was against the Centre Hastings Grizzlies. It was an awesome win for the Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm. The Storm won 7-1 against the Centre Hastings Grizzlies. Goals were scored by Graeme Armstrong, Kadin Card, Isaac Lee, Mak Prentice, and Addison Carr.

Game three was against the Deep River Knights. The Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm lost 5-1. Goal scored by Cheyenne Degeer.

That put the Storm into the C finals against the Ennismore Eagles. It was an action packed C final for the Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm with a big win of 9-7 against the Ennismore Eagles. Goals were scored by Graeme Armstrong, Addison Carr, Mak Prentice and Colby Coumbs.

Way to go Storm for being the C final champions!

On Nov. 28 the Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm will travel to Huntsville to play the Huntsville Otters at 12:40 p.m.

First regular season victory for Midget As

Submitted by Dave and Katie Howe

The Dollo's Foodland and Smolen's Dentistry Highland Storm Midget A team were host to two games on a full three game weekend. They faced off against the Almaguin Ice Devils in Minden on Nov. 20 and the first period was a full speed, end-to-end, entertaining segment in which a sizzling slap shot by Jacob Haedicke found the home side up by one after one.

Period two saw Almaguin tally two for a 2-1 lead and in the third Matt Manning, who had been a threat all night for the Highlanders, finally had his efforts rewarded with a tying marker midway through the third and the game ended at two.

On Nov. 21, the Storm hosted the league leading Parry Sound Shamrocks in Minden. The Shamrocks came out flying, quickly netted four in the first and overpowered the locals for a 7-0 victory.

On Nov. 22, the Storm travelled to Parry Sound, home of the NHL great Bobby Orr, so perhaps inspiration was in the air. The first period was an even affair with Parry Sound

scoring first for a 1-0 lead going into the second. The second period produced great chances on both sides with the Highlanders tallying two, one by Jayden Wood and the other by Nolan Flood. The third continued in a close checking contest and Wood gave the visitors a 3-1 lead with the home side quickly replying but still down by one with half the period left. The frustrated Shamrocks took multiple penalties in the last half of the third allowing the Storm to maintain their defensive edge and newcomer Payden Miscio scored an empty netter to give the Storm Midgets a 4-2 lead and their first regular season victory of the year!

Well done, and we look forward to continuing this trend with two home games this weekend. The first is Nov. 27 at 8:30 p.m. in Haliburton against the league leading Parry Sound Shamrocks and Nov. 29 at 2 p.m. in Minden versus Almaguin.

Storm Atom lose two

Submitted by Amanda Tripp

The Emmerson Lumber Atom team had back to back games against the Huntsville Otters. On Nov. 21, the Atom team hosted the Huntsville Otters at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena. The Otters opened the scoring in the second period but the Storm battled back with Austin Boylan scoring, assisted by Evan Armstrong. Kyan Hall also scored in the second period, assisted by Cooper Coles. The third period was just as exciting, with Austin Boylan scoring another goal, assisted by Evan Armstrong. Although the Storm battled hard, they lost to the Otters 5-3. On Nov. 22, the Emmerson Lumber Atoms travelled to Huntsville to play the Otters. Austin Boylan scored the only goal for the Storm, assisted by Walker Nesbitt. The storm were defeated by the Otters 11-1

Bantam As win big

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

It was hockey night in Minden last Friday Nov. 20, when The Pepper Mill Highland Storm Bantam A team blew the Muskoka Rock out of town with a 7-0 win.

The scoring began near the end of the first period. Lucas Haedicke took the face off in the Rock's end, rushed to the net and made an awesome pass to the open Austin French who easily tapped it by the goalie. Early in the second, passes from Lucas Haedicke and Shawn Walker to Austin French allowed him to get behind the Rock's net and sneakily wrap it around by the goalie, making it 2-0.

Nigel Smith collected the puck from Tanner Crang and Braeden Vasey, during the Rock's power play. He rushed in, found the opening for a short-handed goal. The Storm continued to control the puck and the game. Early in the third, a couple of passes came from Austin French and Nigel Smith, found Lucas Haedicke open in front of the Rock's net. He easily chipped it by the goalie for goal four. Another rush, a shot by Nigel Smith, Zach Morissette picked up the rebound and chipped it in for goal five. Next, it was Isaac Little who got goal six with a hard slap shot from the point, assisted by Nigel Smith and Zach Morissette. Braeden Robinson got the last goal with a nice shot from the hash marks, help from Austin French and Noah Black. An awesome shut-out for Jaxson Campbell.

The team crushed the Parry Sound Shamrocks 8-0 Nov. 21, with another shut-out for goalie, Carson Sisson. The Storm dominated the entire game, scoring three goals in the first period. James Alexander got the first goal during a battle in front of the net. The second came from a shot by Ben MacNaull from the point. Another battle in front of the net allowed Nigel Smith a goal. Assists went to Zach Morissette, Lucas Haedicke and Nik Dollo. The Shamrocks stood a bit stronger in the second period, allowing only one goal. Tanner Crang drove to the net after a pass from Nik Dollo and got his own rebound, making it 4-0. The Storm picked up the momentum in the third, scoring four additional goals. It was Nigel Smith, James Alexander, Nik Dollo and Braeden Robinson that scored with help from Zach Morissette, Austin French, Shawn Walker, Isaac Little and Tanner Crang.

On Nov. 22, the team shut-out the Parry Sound Shamrocks 5-0 in Minden. The Shamrocks held their defense as the Storm warmed up in the first period, which ended scoreless. Early in the second period, Owen Gilbert started the scoring with two goals, less than a minute apart. Helpful passes by Zach Morissette, James Alexander, Ben MacNaull and Noah Black. Zach Morissette got the next goal, assisted by Owen Gilbert and Isaac Little, ending the second period 3-0. The last two goals came late in the third period. Passes from Noah Black and Braeden Robinson fed Lucas Haedicke and he top cornered it for the fourth goal. With barely a couple of seconds left in the game, scrambling in front of the Shamrocks net, Zach Morissette pushed in goal five, passes from Braeden Robinson and Nik Dollo.

The Storm Bantam A team will participate in the Pembroke Regional Silver Stick tournament next weekend.

Haliburton Wolves



**November 19 -
7:30PM**

in Haliburton VS
South Muskoka
Shielf, 13-5 L

**November 21 -
7:30PM**

in Seguin VS Parry
Sound Islanders,
6-3 W

**November 22 -
6:00PM**

in Bracebridge VS
Bracebridge Blues,
6-3 L

**November 26 -
7:30PM**

in Haliburton
VS Temiscaming
Titans

**November 29 -
2:00PM**

in Seguin VS
Seguin Huskies

Highlander sports

Age not a factor in basketball league

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

A 13-year-old passes the ball to a wide-open 71-year-old-man who shoots and drains a three-pointer.

It's not the play-by-play one would expect during a basketball game, but it's the norm at the local recreational basketball league in Haliburton that takes place every Tuesday night.

"It's kind of the highlight of the week for everyone," said Paul Longo, the league's current organizer.

The league has been running in some capacity for several decades at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. The weekly gathering of ball players represents a highly committed group that comes from far and wide.

"It's something a lot of us look forward to every week, and you don't mess with ball night," Longo laughed.

In addition to the strong turnout, the gym is regularly filled with a diverse group of people. Ages vary greatly, and women have hit the court as well.

Jane Grieves decided to make a return to the league on Nov. 24 after a 10-year hiatus. Her reason for returning was simple.

"I love basketball, and I missed it," she said.

Grieves was able to get into the swing of things quickly and was weaving her way in and out of defense after her first game.

Participants play hard, but the overall vibe in the gym never crosses the line of hyper competitive play. Gordon Cochrane, 71, greatly appreciates the relaxed atmosphere. Cochrane, a retired attorney from Chicago who's made Haliburton County his home,

has been playing in the weekly league for over five years.

"Everyone knows what this place is about," he said. "I've played in leagues all over, but I have a lot of fun here because everyone plays really hard but not too physically."

This concept is resonating with the younger crowd more each year, many of whom are from the HHSS junior and senior basketball teams. It's allowed them to put in extra practice after scheduled team practices and compete against new people with different skill sets.

"The younger guys are coming out more, which is good, because we're trying to build up an interest in basketball within the community," Cochrane said.

Hunter Smith, a third-year player on the HHSS senior boys' basketball team is a regular participant. He said he's been coming out to play every week since Grade 9, back when the majority of players who showed up were significantly older than him. Things are different now.

"Now we have about half the junior team and some of the senior team coming out," Smith explained. "If you want to improve your game this league is a good place to go to because you can play against players who you normally don't play against and maybe learn something new."

This is Hunter's last year playing HHSS basketball. He said he hopes to build on the team's Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship appearance last season.

"This is the last hurrah for three of us," he said, referring to his teammates who are playing their last season as well. "Practice makes perfect."



Photo by Alex Coop
Gordon Cochrane drives the ball on Cody Miscio during warmups at the recreational basketball league at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's gymnasium.

Fast Lane Bowling Scores

Monday afternoon, Nov. 16

MEN
High average: Claude Cote – 223
High single: Claude Cote – 319
High single handicap: David Stokes – 338
High triple: Claude Cote – 813
High triple handicap: Claude Cote – 834

WOMEN
High average: Chris Cote – 182
High single: Gloria Taylor – 172
High single handicap: Gloria Taylor – 236
High triple: Chris Cote – 438
High triple handicap: Millie Payne – 687

Monday night, Nov. 16

MEN
High average: Rick West – 219
High single: Mark Arike – 254
High single handicap: Gary Carter – 296
High triple: Joey Cox – 626
High triple handicap: Gary Carter – 754

WOMEN
High average: Cathy Snell – 233
High single: Cathy Snell – 251
High single handicap: Liz Cowen – 256
High triple: Cathy Snell – 199

– 693
High triple handicap: Cathy Snell – 693

Tues. afternoon, Nov. 17

MEN
High average: Claude Cote – 217
High single: Neil Darby – 262
High single handicap: Neil Darby – 282
High triple: Neil Darby – 615
High triple handicap: Emile Duchene – 705

WOMEN
High average: Chris Cote – 179
High single: Rae Shephard – 214
High single handicap: Rae Shephard – 264
High triple: Rae Shephard – 538
High triple handicap: Rae Shephard – 691

Wed. Special Olympics, Nov. 4

MEN
Robert Boccitto – 156
Luke Shapiera – 155
Jason Cochrane – 144

WOMEN
Skylar Pratt – 190
Heather Fowler – 139
Buddy Plouffe – 125

Thur. afternoon, Nov. 19

MEN
High average: Gerry Wagg – 199

High single: Gerry Wagg – 237
High single handicap: Don Stiver – 280
High triple: Gerry Wagg – 560
High triple handicap: Don Stiver – 697

WOMEN
High average: Barb Ballantyne – 182
High single: Pat Stiver – 224
High single handicap: Pat Stiver – 280
High triple: Pat Stiver – 574
High triple handicap: Pat Stiver – 742

Friday afternoon, Nov. 20

MEN
High average: Claude Cote – 212
High single: Claude Cote – 275
High single handicap: Jim Griffith – 329
High triple: Claude Cote – 645
High triple handicap: Paul Cameron – 786

WOMEN
High average: Chris Cote – 177
High single: Ren Higgins – 213
High single handicap: Ren Higgins – 265
High triple: Ren Higgins – 561
High triple handicap: Ren Higgins – 717

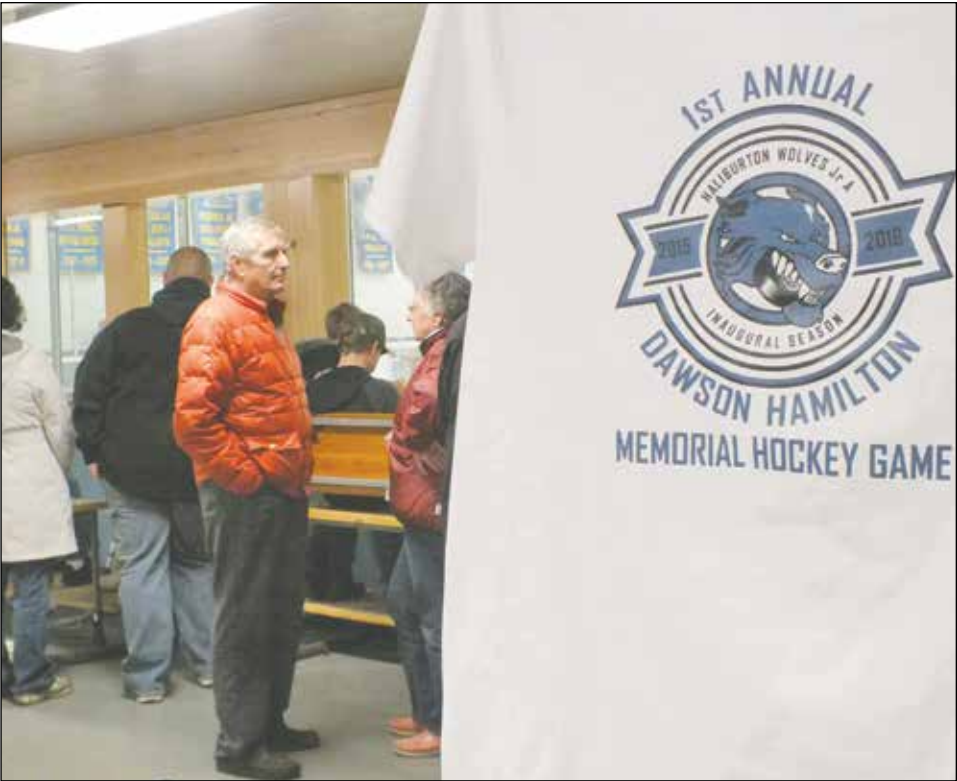



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More than just a game
People pack the A.J LaRue Community Centre on Nov. 19 for the first annual Dawson Hamilton Memorial Hockey Game was played at against the South Muskoka Shield.

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Photo by Sue Tiffin

One of the over 30 themed trees on display at the Festival of Trees.

A time for the trees to shine

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Before the Festival of the Trees opened to the general public, the planning committee checked their lists twice to thank everyone who made the event possible.

The sixth annual event, which raises funds for Minden Hills Cultural Centre programming, was held Nov. 20 through to Nov. 22. The festival includes a tree raffle, bake and craft sale that highlights the centre and takes months — and many volunteers — to plan.

“People don’t realize how much work goes on behind the scenes,” said Cultural Centre collections technician Victoria Bingham. “The day after the Festival of Trees is over, the committee packs up the decorations and starts all over again. It’s so much more than just a month of work.”

Highlands Storage donates a storage unit to the committee for six months, so they have a place to safely keep decorations and donations which start coming in early. Canadian Tire donates some of the trees decorated by local businesses and individuals, while offering a reduced cost for additional trees.

This year more than 30 themed trees were displayed and bid on by an estimated 750 event visitors.

“We are pleased to note more interest from local people and businesses and we try to fine tune the event each year,” said organizer Pam Smith.

Besides decorating the venue, organizing tree sponsors and sales and planning for the main event, the committee members got involved in tree decorating. Jaklin Casper won three awards for her creative trees and Smith crocheted 100 snowflakes over the first few months of the year for the *Let It Snow* tree.

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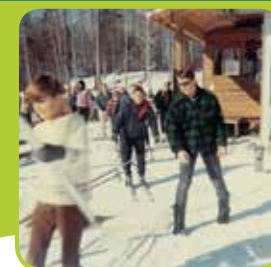


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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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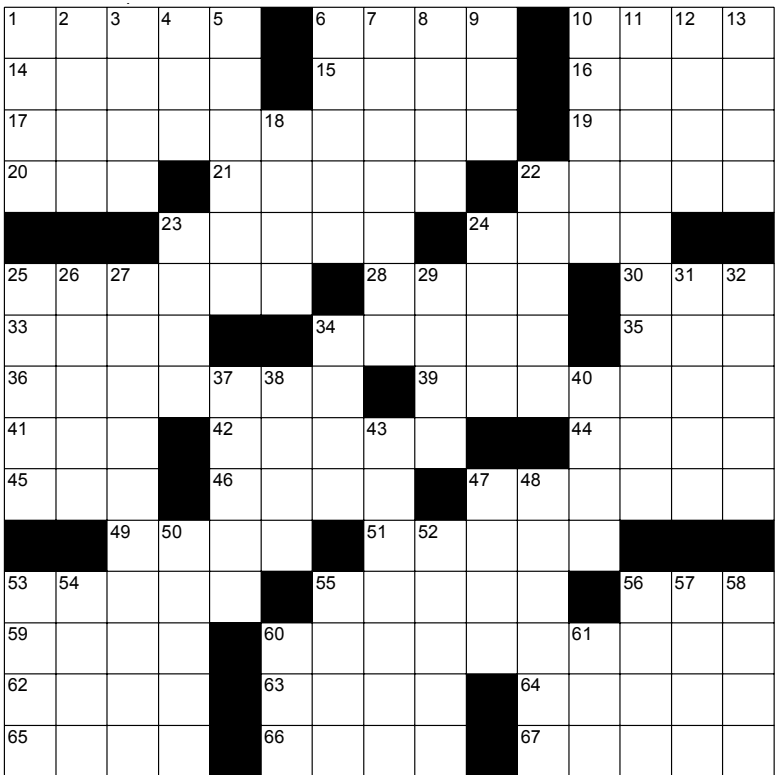
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46. Soy product

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29. True statement
31. School group
32. Small landmass
34. Steak, e.g.
37. Fall flower
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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2015 EVENTS

THURSDAY

Haliburton County Historical Society - Haliburton Museum – Kim Emmerson speaking on his new book – Alexander Niven biography– 1:30pm

Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services - 14 IGA Road Heritage Plaza Minden - 10:30am Yoga; 11:30am Drop-in Center; 1:00pm - 2:30pm Self-Esteem group Contact 705-286-4575

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FRIDAY

Our Lady of Fatima Church – 7 Bobcaygeon Rd, Minden - Christmas Luncheon – 11:00am – 1:30pm – \$5

Pickle Ball – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:00am – 12:00pm

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SATURDAY

Highlands Christmas Shindig – Tickets at Cranberry Cottage or Sassy Digs

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SUNDAY

Dorset Community Christmas Tree Lighting – Dorset Rec Centre – 4:30pm – 7:30pm

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MONDAY

Haliburton Blood Donor Clinic - Royal Canadian Legion 719 Mountain St - 1:30pm -6:30pm - 1 888 2DONATE

Pickle Ball – Dorset Rec Centre – 6:45pm – 8:45pm

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TUESDAY

West Guilford Community Centre – 7:00pm – Euchre. All welcome

WRAP (wellness recovery action plan) group

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Stanhope Shuffleboard – Stanhope Firefighters Hall – 1:00pm – 4:00pm

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WEDNESDAY

Mindfulness Group

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Tai Chi – Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre – 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Bingo – Harcourt Community Centre – 7:30pm – 9:30pm

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WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION NOV. 26 - DEC. 3, 2015

Haliburton Branch

General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m.

Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m.

Bingo, Wednesday, doors 6 p.m., \$500 jackpot, \$1,000 jackpot last Wednesday of the month

Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw, five draws/five prizes, Chester Howse, MC

Cribbage, Friday, 1 p.m.

Friday fun darts, 4:30 p.m.

50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m.

Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m., \$6/ person

Bridge, Monday 1 p.m.

Dart Night League, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Live entertainment featuring singer/guitarist, Jeff Moulton, Saturday Dec. 5, 4-7 p.m. in the Club Room.

Enjoy pulled pork on a bun for only \$6 prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary, \$5 for non-members.

Minden Branch

Ladies Darts, Wednesday, 1-4 p.m. No Ladies Darts Dec and January

Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 12-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.

Mixed darts, Friday 7:30 p.m.

Big euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, \$12

Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.

Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m.

Liver lover's special, Tuesday 12-2 p.m. (full menu also)

Meat Draw, Wednesday lunch time. Dec 16, special Christmas meat draws.

Thursday take-out meals, pick-up after 6 p.m.

Call between 2-6 p.m. for menu and placing your order. The cook will prepare only the number of orders placed before 6 p.m.

Multi-vendor Christmas Arts and Crafts Sale and

Legion Bake Table, Nov. 28, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Monthly raffle, \$75 dinner for two at the Mill Pond in Carnarvon.

Dec. 19 Highlands Trio, 4-7pm

Wilberforce Branch

Pool, Friday, 2:30 p.m.

Community Care 55+ Lunch, Friday at 12:00 p.m.

Jam session, Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m., early bird 3 p.m. sharp

Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m., Beginners welcome – Come and learn to play.

Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Grey Cup Party, Sunday, Nov. 29, pre-game starts at 5 p.m., kick-off at 6 p.m.

Chili cook-off – \$5.00 per person, bring your favourite recipe.

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Highlander events



Photo by Mark Arike

Santa waves to passersby during his visit to Haliburton.

Haliburton welcomes Santa and friends

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The streets were filled with twinkling lights and rosy cheeks as people watched the annual Haliburton Village Santa Claus parade. About 35 entries were featured in this year's parade, including floats, marching bands, dancers and horses that took place

on Nov. 20. The procession started on Pine Street and continued along Highland Street, where crowds gathered to see all of the outfits, lights and decorations. The participants then went north on York Street and finished the route at the Haliburton United Church. "It's a very short route and this is one of the benefits of it," said event coordinator Jim Frost. "Everybody that's watching it is

in one area." The theme of this year's parade was "The Colours of Christmas in the Highlands." Frost said that because the Highlands is a creative community, the goal was to bring that out in the entries. Prior to the start of the parade, a Christmas tree lighting ceremony took place at the Village Barn along with Christmas carols provided by local

musician Gord Kidd. Afterwards, spectators were able to head to the Haliburton Legion for a spaghetti dinner and live entertainment from Carl Dixon. This marked the 10th year that the parade was held in the evening. In previous years it took place on a Sunday afternoon. The event was hosted by the Haliburton Village Improvement Area and organized by the Haliburton & District Lions Club.

No snow, no problem for Santa in Minden

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

A lack of snow did not stop Santa Claus from coming to Minden. His sleigh and reindeer were part of the annual parade Nov. 21, though a giant Minion, miniature horses and a toddler in a little pink car almost stole the show. Community services coordinator Elisha Weiss said there were less entrants in this year's parade than last. Still, there were 25 entries including two pipe bands and the Highlands Trio, who played Christmas

music from a float. "All the companies and organizations that entered into the parade put a lot of effort into their floats and that is always appreciated, as without them this event wouldn't happen," said Weiss. Weiss also thanked the Minden Lions Club who marshalled the parade. The Lions Club also sponsored two awards this year. Best community float was awarded to Fisher Construction and Giter Dun Miniatures and the Minden churches won the award for best service group float.



Photo by Sue Tiffin

Float participants waved to the crowd along the parade route in Minden.

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What's on



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The Highlands Christmas Shindig, taking place at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, is sold out for the second year in a row.

Shindig a success before it starts

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

The second annual Highlands Christmas Shindig doesn't take place until Nov. 28 and it's already off to an amazing start.

The festive fundraiser for Fuel for Warmth was a success last year. The variety show sold out and about \$4,600 was raised.

This year, \$14,000 has been raised prior to the show, which sold out again.

"We have so much help from people in the county," said Lorraine McNeil, co-host of the show. "We thought we would double from last year and we've gone so far beyond. We're blown away by the community's kindness. It's been

absolutely amazing."

The Shindig features a wide variety of musicians and comedians and is hosted by Dame Beatrice and Elf, locally known as Canoe radio hosts Mike Jaycock and Lorraine McNeil.

Marilynne Lesperance, chair of the Fuel for Warmth board, said she was grateful for the difference the Shindig has made to the volunteer organization.

"In the past when someone needed help, we had to tell them we would have to wait for donations to come in," she said. "Because [the Shindig organizers] have gotten involved, we are able to get help for people immediately."

Lesperance said the charitable organization, now in its eighth year,

provides heat fuel to residents in need.

"Whether it's oil or propane or wood pellets or wood," she said.

The organization screens candidates for the program and helped about 65 families last year with a \$200 subsidy for the season. Candidates undergo a background check and interview and sign a waiver to allow the Fuel for Warmth organization to contact their fuel provider for previous use history.

"Our goal is to help people legitimately in need," said Lesperance. "The majority of the people who come for help are the working poor."

Lesperance said there are stories about people in the county struggling to heat their home on a daily basis. One woman

rents a house with an oil tank which hasn't been serviced for years. She walks the ditches with her kids trying to collect enough wood to keep them warm throughout the night.

McNeil said it's these stories and the generosity of the community which makes an event like the Shindig so essential in the community.

"It is the best place to live," she said. "Everyone has your back."

The Highlands Christmas Shindig starts at 7:30 on Nov. 28 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. Donations to Fuel for Warmth can be made at collection tins in businesses throughout the community.

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STORMY LAKE \$339,900



- Year round, 3 bedroom cottage/home
- Private level lot with expansive southern view
- Lakeside Bunkie, enclosed porch, lakeside decking
- Stone fireplace with wood insert
- Child friendly, good swimming & boating

THE BEACH HOUSE \$129,900



- Sand beach across from your door step in Gooderham
- Brick bungalow on a quiet paved year round road
- Well maintained, nicely renovated open concept
- Walking distance of groceries, restaurant, LCBO
- Comes mostly furnished & ready to move in



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HOME & APARTMENT DOWNTOWN MINDEN \$219,900



- Super family home
- Dining & livingroom w/fireplace
- Home + apt. nearly 2,000 sq. ft.
- Attached garage w/breezeway
- Close to to main street & school



- Rent apt. or use for home office
- 2 main floor bedrooms, 4 pc. bath
- 1 upper bdrm. and 2 pc. bath
- Private landscaped yard
- Book your showing today!

CRYSTAL LAKE



- Custom 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom
- Open concept layout
- Very gentle slope to the water
- 2 car garage
- 330 feet of clean shoreline



- Deep water off dock
- Year round access
- South exposure
- Exceptional privacy!



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20TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

Join the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association and help us make a difference.

Large or small, each gift will help fill the Christmas hampers distributed by the Food Banks in Haliburton County for families in need.

- Collect unwrapped toys or food items at your office or your Christmas Party.
- Have your gifts ready for pick up BEFORE December 14th
- Call 705-457-6901 in advance to arrange a date to pick up your gift.

If you aren't sure what to collect simply gather local gift certificates. A value of \$15.00 each make is easy to top up gifts for families who have teenagers.

Call 705-457-6901 and book a time for your gift pick up then start collecting.

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100 ACRE RETREAT! \$159,900

- 600 sq. ft. log cabin close to Gull Lake
- Scenic pond, wildlife, trails
- Several out buildings
- Make your own maple syrup
- 2 hours from GTA



LOG CABIN RETREAT \$250,000

- 1,002 sq. ft. "Off the Grid" log cottage
- 2 Bunkies, sheds, large storage/garage
- 100 acres incl. 60 acres of sugar bush
- Trail network - great for hunting, ATV, etc.
- Outdoor paradise and comes turn key



3 LAKE CHAIN! \$259,000

- 2 bedroom cottage plus Bunkie
- Detached garage
- Clean w/f with lakeside docking area
- Level treed lot on chain lake
- Value priced, comes turn key!



INLAW SUITE AND STUDIO \$259,900

- 3+1 bdrm, 3 bath, 3,900 sq. ft. living space
- 3.13 acres close to Haliburton
- Self-contained inlaw suite and studio
- 2 fireplaces, cherry kitchen
- Paved driveway, detached garage



WOODSY BAY \$269,900

- Charming 2 bedroom, 800 sq. ft. cottage
- 1.14 acre lot with 176 feet of shoreline
- Sits close to waters' edge
- Side decking and lakeside deck w/dock
- Comes furnished ready to enjoy



SUNSET VIEWS! \$279,900

- 100 feet of frontage on pristine lake
- Western exposure over lake & Crown Land
- 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 1,800 sq. ft.
- Screened porch, rear deck, lakeside decking
- 2 fireplaces, drilled well, full septic



4 SEASON COTTAGE \$299,900

- Mature treed 1.23 acres
- 193' frontage on spring fed lake
- 1,152 sq. ft., 3 bedroom
- 2 level decking, cathedral ceilings
- Year round access, 2 hours to GTA



COTTAGE PARADISE \$324,800

- 4 bedroom well maintained cottage
- Sand shoreline, deep water off dock
- Multiple boat slips, 2 covered, Bunkie
- Boat up river to 3 lake chain
- Comes turn key ready to enjoy



GREAT PRIVACY \$395,000

- 3 bedroom, 4 season home or cottage
- 205 feet of shoreline, 0.86 acres
- Full unspoiled basement
- New kitchen and bathroom
- Comes furnished & with paddle boat/canoe



MULTI FAMILY HOME \$450,000

- 4+2 bedroom, 4 bath, 2 unit home
- 102' on 5 lake chain, close to amenities
- Walkout basement, new kitchen
- Radiant heat, large windows, great view
- Shop with attached carport



UNBELIEVABLE VIEWS \$495,900

- 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2,400 sq. ft. living space
- Natural landscaping, lakeside deck/dock
- Skylights, bar area, screened porch, sauna
- Finished lower level walkout, loft area
- Comes furnished ready to enjoy



BIG FRONTAGE \$725,000

- 4 bedroom, home or cottage with loft
- 405 feet frontage on 2 lake chain
- Extensive decking and docking
- Stone fireplace, sunroom, music room
- Shallow entry and deep water off dock

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